

# Press Release



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## GOVERNOR O'MALLEY ANNOUNCES 50 NEW JOBS FOR FREDERICK COUNTY

*State supports expansion of global bio leader Life Technologies Corporation*

BALTIMORE, MD (April 2, 2009) – To further strengthen Maryland's bio and life sciences community and create jobs, Governor Martin O'Malley today announced a \$250,000 investment in the planned expansion of Life Technologies Corporation, a global biotechnology company employing 9,500 workers worldwide which was recently created with the merger of Invitrogen Corporation and Applied Biosystems Inc.. The continued expansion of the company's Frederick facility was discussed today during a Town Hall meeting with Life Technologies employees and Chairman and CEO Greg Lucier. Following the meeting, Mr. Lucier joined Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development Secretary Christian S. Johansson, Frederick County Economic Development Director Laurie Boyer and other state and local officials for a tour of the facility. As part of the State's conditional grant, Life Technologies will create up to 50 new jobs, and retain the more than 250 employees currently at the facility.

"Building on our Bio 2020 initiative, Maryland continues to foster a supportive environment for life sciences companies like Life Technologies to ensure that we are well positioned for tomorrow's economy," said Governor O'Malley. "Life Technologies cutting-edge work with disease detection has global implications and offers hope to millions of people around the world for a quicker, more thorough diagnosis."

"It is great to be out in Frederick today to see how Life Technologies Corp. is continuing to grow and help us build a solid foundation for our State's future," said Secretary Johansson. "We will continue to see innovative life sciences companies like Life Technologies expand here to take advantage of our highly-educated workforce, proximity to federal and university labs and concentration of more than 370 bio-related companies."

Since June 2008, when Governor O'Malley unveiled his Bio 2020 plan, a 10-year, \$1.3 billion dollar investment in Maryland's tremendous bioscience infrastructure that will result in an estimated \$6.3 billion in private and federal investments by 2020, a number of life sciences companies have located or expanded in Maryland, including Montgomery County-based Opgen Technologies Inc. and Baltimore-based BIOMERE LLC. In addition, Maryland has also boosted its reputation as a national leader in life sciences and technology, ranking second nationwide for technology economy preparedness by the Milken Institute.

"Frederick and the surrounding area offers a pool of educated and experienced people for the jobs that we have to offer in research and development, manufacturing, custom services, IT and distribution," said Uplaksh Kumar, Life Technologies' Director of Frederick operations. "We are pleased to be working with Governor O'Malley, the State, and the County to expand operations at this site which is important to the company and our global customers."

"We are pleased that Life Technologies is investing in its Frederick location and the local employment base. The life sciences industry is strong in Frederick and Life Technologies is a big part of that success for us," said Laurie Boyer, Frederick County Economic Development Director.

**About DBED:**

The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development stimulates private investment and creates jobs by attracting new businesses, encouraging the expansion and retention of existing companies, and providing workforce training and financial assistance to Maryland companies. The Department promotes the State's many economic advantages and markets local products and services at home and abroad to spur economic development and international investment, trade and tourism. Because they are major economic generators, the Department also supports the Arts, film production, sports and other special events. For more information, visit [www.choosemaryland.org](http://www.choosemaryland.org).

**About Life Technologies Corp.:**

Life Technologies Corporation (NASDAQ: LIFE) is a global biotechnology tools company dedicated to improving the human condition. Our systems, consumables and services enable researchers to accelerate scientific exploration, driving to discoveries and developments that make life even better. Life Technologies customers do their work across the biological spectrum, working to advance personalized medicine, regenerative science, molecular diagnostics, agricultural and environmental research, and 21st century forensics. Life Technologies had sales of more than \$3 billion in 2008, employs approximately 9,500 people, has a presence in more than 100 countries, and possesses a rapidly growing intellectual property estate of approximately 3,600 patents and exclusive licenses. Life Technologies was created by the combination of Invitrogen Corporation and Applied Biosystems Inc. For more information on how we are making a difference please visit our website: [www.lifetechnologies.com](http://www.lifetechnologies.com).

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